

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. – 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:  
variable display devices for variably displaying various symbols;  
a lottery device for executing a lottery of a prize-winning combination;  
~~an attraction display device for displaying an attraction image;~~  
a shielding device for shielding approximately the whole area of the variable display devices, the shielding device being disposed in front of the variable display devices; and  
~~an attraction control device for controlling the shielding device and the attraction display device;~~  
~~wherein the attraction control device is capable of controlling the shielding device to switch, based on a predetermined condition, between a first control state of a transmissive or a semi-transmissive state such that the attraction display device is controlled while a player is capable of visually recognizing the symbols, and a second control state of a shielding state such that the attraction display device is controlled while the player is approximately disabled from visually recognizing the symbols~~  
an attraction display device for displaying an attraction image, the attraction display being disposed in front of the shielding device; and  
an attraction control device for controlling the shielding device to be in at least one of a transmissive state such that a symbol on the variable display device is visually recognizable and a shielding state such that a symbol on the variable display device is not visually recognizable, and for controlling the attraction display device.  
18. (New) The game: machine according to Claim 17, wherein the transmissive state is at least one of a semi-transmissive state and a colored state.

19. (New) The gaming machine according to Claim 18, wherein the shielding device comprises an electronic shutter.

20. (New) The gaming machine according to Claim 19, wherein the electronic shutter is composed of a liquid crystal film switchable between the transmissive state and the shielding state by way of an applied voltage.

21. (New) The gaming machine according to Claim 17, further comprising:  
a special gain control device for providing a special games stay under a predetermined condition, wherein the attraction control device controls the shielding device during the special gaming state.

22. (New) The gaming machine according to Claim 17, wherein:  
the attraction control device controls the shielding device so that the area of the variable display device to be stopped is visible and the area of the other variable display devices vary the symbols are shielded,

the attraction control device controls the shielding device so that the whole area of the variable display devices are shielded and controls the attraction device to display a predetermined image, when an erroneous stopping operation is performed, and

the attraction control device controls the shielding device so that the symbols on the variable display devices of the prize-winning combination are visible and the other symbols on the variable display devices are shielded, and controls the attraction device to display a predetermined image, after all of the variable display devices have stopped varying the symbols.